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Title

CONTOURED SEAT CUSHION AND METHOD FOR

OFFLOADING PRESSURE FROM SKELETAL BONE PROMINENCES AND ENCOURAGING PROPER

POSTURAL ALIGNMENT

Group Art Unit

3673

Confirmation No.

3850

Examiner

Michael Safavi

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2005, and in consideration of an accompanying Request for a Two-Month Extension of Time, a Request for Continued Prosecution (RCE) and the fees therefor, please amend the application as set forth below in the following Three Parts of this Amendment and Response.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute the replacement drawing sheets attached in Part 1.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the paragraphs designated in Part 2 hereof, in the manner set forth by the markings shown in Part 2.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1, 3, 4, 6-21, 25, 33, 34, 38, 39, and 44-47.

Amend claims 22, 24, 26, 27, 29, 31, 32, 35, 36 and 48-52.

Add new claims 53-76.

The claim amendments in new claims are shown in Part 3 hereof.

REMARKS

Comments concerning the above claim amendments, the new claims, the July 14, 2005 office action, the interview which occurred on October 5, 2005 and the RCE, are presented in Part 4.